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— WE'VE GOT IT —

Please be advised that dated information in this issue is subject to change based on COVID-19 conditions and recommendations. Visit www.canton-mi.org regularly for Canton's most up-to-date information.

Shop Local. ShopCanton

In effort to help during the COVID pandemic, the Canton Downtown Development Authority has developed a detailed list of businesses that are OPEN with detailed information of services available.

Canton residents and visitors will see WE'RE OPEN signs, placed along Ford Road, that point to the ShopCanton.org home page where they'll find a categorized business list with information regarding outside service, curbside, carry-out, delivery, online ordering, inside shopping, inside service, and gift cards.

"The DDA board is constantly working to keep the Ford Road corridor vibrant. During COVID, we are working to help identify those businesses who remain open and keep customers aware," said Bart Patterson, DDA Board Chairman.

While on the DDA website, visitors are encouraged to download the The ShopCanton Guide app. The free app features a directory to easily find diverse dining, entertainment, and shopping on Ford Road and beyond. Users can save with coupons, bookmark favorites, learn ShopCanton Insider local tips, and engage with local tips of their own. Push notifications also keep users aware of special events happening in the community. For more information, visit ShopCanton.org

Canton Administration Building open by appointment only

The Canton Administration Building will continue to be closed to the public for drop-in service until **March 31**. Many services remain by appointment only. Call 734/394-5100 or one of the direct numbers below to request an appointment for in-person service. All Canton staff are following CDC safety guidelines as we continue to work to provide service to our residents. Visitors who have appointments will be screened upon entering and required to wear a mask.

Online eServices remain available at www.canton-mi.org. Also, residents are encouraged to use the drop box located outside of the main entrance to the Administration Building to drop off payments and applications. As always, refer to www.canton-mi.org for the most up-to-date information.

Direct office phone numbers:

- Treasurer's Office: 734/394-5130
- Clerk's Office: 734/394-5120
- Building Services: 734/394-5200
- Planning Services: 734/394-5170
- Engineering Services: 734/394-5150
- Public Works: 734/397-1011
- Leisure Services: 734/394-5360
- Supervisor's Office: 734/394-5185

Attention Canton businesses!

The COVID-19 pandemic has hit many businesses very hard, and unfortunately, those economic struggles are continuing into this new year.

The good news is that there are many different grant, loan and assistance opportunities available for businesses. The opportunities can come from the federal, state and county levels, as well as from various associations. Canton has set up a web page that will house all of these opportunities as they become available.

Please bookmark www.canton-mi.org/244 and check back often, as the application windows for these opportunities are often less than a week.



This Month in Canton

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A Message from Supervisor Graham-Hudak



With so many difficult issues facing us these days, we are all doing our best to maintain a sense of normalcy for our families. And I know that everyone has had more than their fair share of disappointments and struggles this past year.

We have been so focused on preserving our physical health, that many times we forget to take care of our mental health. Experts say that if you're starting to feel down, practice mindfulness and think about positive things in your life. What do you appreciate right now? By reflecting on what is going well, it can help shift your mood and your feelings may follow. Be sure to watch our Canton Leisure Service offerings for ways to participate in exercise and mental health activities for you and your family.

From my perspective, I am feeling thankful for some of the positive things happening in Canton. For instance, we recently opened up a COVID testing center in Heritage Park, that hopefully will become a vaccination center in the near future. And this month we are celebrating the grand opening of the community's new Fire Station #2 on Warren Road. I'm extra excited for this one, because when we met in December with DTE to discuss prep work for future electrical charging, they agreed to heavily subsidize this charging station. The placement of the charging location will not impede fire operations which are critical to township safety. We will always look for opportunities to expand public/private partnerships in Canton where it makes sense. Our new administration is also working on a comprehensive energy plan for the township. So, I believe that there is a lot to look forward to and be thankful for.

But remember, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services offers a wide variety of mental health resources. If you are feeling emotional distress due to the COVID-19 pandemic, get free, confidential support from a Michigan Stay Well counselor. Call 1-888-535-6136 and press '8'. The Stay Well counseling line is available 24/7, and michigan.gov/staywell offers a variety of mental health tips for all ages.

Winter Farmers Markets

Here's your chance to stock up on Michigan-made goodies and locally grown produce at the first of three Winter Farmers Markets, which will be held on Sunday, February 21 in the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. Markets are also scheduled for March 21 and April 18 at the Summit - all with special hours from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. A variety of vendors will be featured during these off-season markets offering Michigan goods, such as: hoop house produce, apples, cider, sauces, honey, granola, and more. Experience all the things you love about our Summer Markets, just indoors - if permitted.

The Canton Farmers Market has also started its wait-list for the 2021 Community Garden Season. Email cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org for more information or to join the wait list. See you at the Market!

Canton awarded recycling education grant

In 2019, Canton applied for, and was awarded, an \$85K grant to help reduce contamination in recycling loads. Contamination occurs when non-recyclables are placed in carts which can include anything from food waste to plastic bags. Recycling loads with contamination are rejected from the recycling facility.

Canton was one of 14 successful Michigan communities awarded a grant to conduct an eight-week tagging quality improvement program. The program consists of sending crews out to inspect recycling carts placed at the curb. If contamination is found, crews will tag carts letting residents know what unacceptable items were found in the cart.

The program is tentatively scheduled to begin in mid-April. Residents will receive two direct mail pieces with detailed information on the program before it begins. More information will also be found in future FOCUS newsletters, at www.canton-mi.org/230, and on all Canton social media pages.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

The B.L.O.C.K. and Beyond

Calling all parents! Are you searching for innovative ways to keep your child active weekdays after school during these challenging times? Then check out The B.L.O.C.K. and Beyond program that offers teens ages 11-17 a variety of fun and safe options to engage with their peers. Purchase a membership or just pay a drop-in fee to gain access to programs such as: art lessons, cooking classes, science experiments, tutoring, social hours and more! Participants will be able to interact in a supportive online environment in classes designed specifically for teens.

Register today for these super fun and creative sessions. Visit www.cantonfun.org/146 for program schedules and times.

Tax counseling no longer available

Due to COVID-19, Canton Club 55+ is no longer able to continue its free tax aid program through AARP this tax season. A number of free over-the-phone and online tax filing programs are available, including: IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA). All you need is a smart phone and an email address. To book an appointment, call Wayne Metro at 313/388-9799 or visit <https://waynemetrovirtualltax.timetap.com/#/>. Please note that these services may have income or age limits. In addition, call the AARP Tax Help phone line at 1-888-227-7669 for additional recommendations.

Golf Leagues now forming

Pheasant Run Golf Club is now registering players for Senior Men's and Ladies' golf leagues for the 2021 season. League play will start in early May. These leagues are organized to be casual and fun, with a touch of friendly competition. Each week two-player teams will compete over nine holes. Either select your partner, or Pheasant Run staff will find one for you. For more information, call the Pro Shop at 734/397-6460 or visit www.golfprgc.org.

Butterfly Ball returns

Timeslots are still available for dads and daughters to join us for a shortened version of Canton's Butterfly Ball on Friday, February 5 and Saturday, February 6 from 5-8 p.m. Schedule a 15-minute session to hit your personal dance floor with your date, where you'll also have your keepsake photo taken.

When you leave, the fun won't end since you'll get to take home a Butterfly Ball Box that includes: butterfly souvenir, butterfly craft and more. Butterfly Ball Boxes can be also be purchased separately for \$5 for those not interested in attending the dance; pick up will occur at the Summit on the Park at 4 p.m. on Friday, February 5. Fees are just \$8 per person for Canton residents and \$10 per person for non; each person must have a ticket. Register at www.cantonfun.org. For additional information, call 734/394-5460.

In the CLS Spotlight

Leisure Services Advisory Committee position now available

The Leisure Services Advisory Committee (LSAC) is accepting applications for openings to serve on this volunteer committee. The committee is comprised of community members and Leisure Services staff who meet the third Wednesday of every other month (January, March, May, July, September, November).

LSAC serves as advocates for the Canton Leisure Services Department, providing input and guidance to enhance our community through innovative programs, diverse services and premier facilities. Our facilities include the Summit on the Park, The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center, Canton Sports Center, Pheasant Run Golf Club, Fellows Creek Golf Club, trails, historic properties, and parks.

Interested Canton residents who are active users of Canton Leisure Services may apply at www.canton-mi.org/590 and click on the application link at the top of the page. Applications will be accepted through March 15.

For more information, email to leisure@canton-mi.org.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Special Easter Bunny events in Canton

Would you like a special neighborhood visit from the Easter Bunny? If so, from February 15-28 email lmortier@canton-mi.org and explain why Spring is an exciting time of year. If your entry is selected, your street wins! Then just hang out at the end of your driveway and Canton Leisure Services will escort the Easter Bunny himself through your neighborhood via the Easter Bunny Express. This event will take place on multiple nights (March 25, March 30, and April 1) from 6 - 8 p.m.

Area residents are encouraged to register for a safe and physically-distanced visit with the Easter Bunny at the Easter Jamboree, which will be held on Saturday, March 27, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. in Heritage Park in the south pavilions. Participants will enjoy a quick egg hunt, as well as musical entertainment. Sweet and warm treats will also be available on site for purchase. Sign up for one of the time slots beginning February 15. Fees are just \$5 per child for Canton residents or \$6 per child for non-residents. For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org or call 734/394-5460.

Summit on the Park Health and Wellness opportunities

Make your health and fitness a top priority with personal training and health coaching at the Summit on the Park. Our trained, certified, experienced staff will help design a plan that works for you, your schedule, and your goals. Our trainers specialize in: General Personal Training, Sports Conditioning, Strength Training, Aquatic Training, and Weight Loss. Sessions may be completed in person at the Summit on the Park or virtually via Zoom. February is Heart Health Month! Watch as the Summit on the Park's health and wellness team provides posts on Facebook throughout the month with tips and activities to keep your heart healthy! Check out our Facebook posts @Summitonthepark for challenges and chances to win prizes. For more information, visit www.summitonthepark.org.

BINGO and Brunch

Looking for some unique ways to combat cabin fever? Then head on over to the Summit on the Park's parking lot for some safe family fun that will take place in the comfort of your own car. Area residents are encouraged to take part in BINGO and Brunch on Saturday, February 27, which will be held in two timeslots. Registration includes at least 10 games of BINGO, a tasty pre-boxed continental breakfast from Sweetwaters Coffee and Tea of Canton, plus prizes!

This family-friendly event will be held from 9 - 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Summit on the Park Parking lot for a drive-in experience through your radio! Select which time slot and option will work best for your family! Per person fees are just \$8 for Canton residents and \$10 per person for non-residents. Please note elements of the event may have to change due to amendments to COVID-19 regulations.

For additional information, please visit www.cantonfun.org or call 734/394-5460.

We're hiring!

It's never too early to start thinking about a summer job. Canton Leisure Services is now hiring for seasonal part-time positions that are scheduled to start April-June 2021 and run through the summer. If you enjoy a fast-paced, exciting work environment, don't miss this opportunity to join the Canton Leisure Services team this summer. Interviews will be conducted in March for most positions.

Open positions may include:

- Lifeguards
- Summer Camp Counselors
- Summer Camp Supervisors
- Therapeutic Recreation Camp Staff
- Parks Laborers
- Pheasant Run Golf Course Staff
- Canton Sports Center Staff
- Teen Services Staff
- And More!

Apply now at <http://canton.applicantpro.com/jobs/>. Canton Township is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. For more information, visit www.canton-mi.org.

Important Canton Phone Numbers

Administration Building
734/394-5100

Public Safety
(non-emergency)
734/394-5400

Supervisor's Office
734/394-5185

Clerk's Office
734/394-5120

Treasurer's Office
734/394-5130

Water Billing
734/394-5240

Summit on the Park
734/394-5460

Building and Inspection
Services
734/394-5200

Ordinance Enforcement
734/394-5335

Public Works
734/397-1011

Engineering (roads)
734/394-5150

GFL (trash collection)
844/464-3587



Board and Commission positions now available

The Canton Board of Trustees is looking for Canton residents to apply for the following Boards and Commissions:

Building Board of Appeals: This Board hears appeals of local building codes. It is preferred that members have expertise/experience in a related area, e.g. architecture, construction management.

Historic District Commission: The commission is looking for those individuals with a demonstrated interest in historic preservation, a competence in historic preservation and those who have a knowledge of historic preservation. Specifically, individuals with backgrounds in architecture, history, architectural history, planning, archeology, urban planning, American Studies, American Civilization, cultural geography, cultural anthropology and other historic related fields are encouraged to join the Commission. Individuals with backgrounds in law, banking, business, government, and community organizations are encouraged to apply to the Commission as well.

Downtown Development Authority: The Downtown Development Authority oversees the development of the designated downtown area (Ford Rd. between Canton Center and Lotz). Now seeking a representative (owner or manager) from a business located within the DDA.

To apply, go to www.canton-mi.org/590. Please call 734/394-5185 with questions.

Canton Township, in cooperation with the Wayne County Health Department and Memorial Healthcare, is offering COVID-19 testing at Heritage Park, 46202 Heritage Park Road (North Pavilion Parking Lot).

PLEASE NOTE: At this time, this is site is conducting testing only.

Testing is available Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 1p.m.

Pre-register at www.MemorialClarity.com

Treasurer Slavens' Corner



Happy February from the Treasurer's Office. You can pay your winter tax without penalty until February 16. A 3% penalty fee is added on February 17 through February 28. The Canton Administration Building remains closed to the public for the safety of our residents and staff. Treasury and Water Billing remain busy answering phones and processing payments. We receive many payments through our safety drop box located outside township hall, built into the brick wall. This is a secure box that drops into our vault. We check the vault many times daily M-F. We also have residents paying online, IVR and mailing to our PO address. You can find the information on our website.

The Treasurer's office will be open for cash-only tax payments on February 16, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Residents must wear a mask when entering the building and will be screened prior to entering the lobby.

The Treasurer's office mailed out winter deferment forms to residents that qualified for 2020 summer deferment. Winter deferment is available for residents who meet the following requirements:

- A total household income of \$40,000 or less and meet at least one of the following criteria:
- Be 62 years of age or older (including the non-remarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years of age or older at the time of death)
- Be an eligible service person, veteran, or widow / widower of a veteran.
- Be totally and permanently disabled, blind, paraplegic, quadriplegic, or hemiplegic.

Forms are available at www.canton-mi.org. Taxes can be paid without interest/penalty until February 14.

Have a safe and healthy February, the American Heart Month.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR FEBRUARY

- 1** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 2** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m. See website for location.
- 5-6** Butterfly Ball. 4 – 8 p.m. Summit on the Park.
- 9** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m. See website for location.
- 16** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m. See website for location.
- 17** DDA Meeting 8 a.m.
- 17** The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Summit Banquet Center.
- 23** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m. See website for location.
- 27** Brunch & Bingo. 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Summit on the Park.

MARCH

- 1** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 2** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m. See website location.
- 6** Camp Registration 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Virtual-From Your Home.
- 9** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m. See website location.
- 16** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m. See website for location.
- 17** DDA Meeting 8 a.m.

Homeowner Association updates requested

Canton continually works to keep an updated list of Homeowner Associations, the current president and/or management company, and the related contact information. If you sit on your HOA Board and have NOT updated your contact information (or are not sure if it has been updated), please call 734/394-5185 or e-mail sgloster@canton-mi.org with the following information:

- Subdivision/Condo Assoc. name
- HOA Contact Name (and Title)
- Address (street, zip) Please provide the P.O. Box used to mail dues, if applicable
- Phone, email, website (if applicable)

We would also like the following information, if it applies:

- Management Company (along with address, phone, contact person and contact email)

**Please indicate who/what information you would like us to post on our website.

Ice and snow removal

Public Safety's Ordinance Enforcement Unit reminds property owners of Canton's ordinance, stating that no person shall permit ice or an accumulation of snow to remain on any sidewalk for a period longer than 72 hours after the ice or snow has formed or fallen. This does not include sidewalks to the rear of a lot or parcel. Sidewalk snow removal issues should be directed to the Public Safety Department at 734/394-5400.

In addition to clearing snow from sidewalks, if you have a fire hydrant on your property the Fire Department would appreciate your assistance in clearing off any snow that may hinder its visibility to firefighters attempting to use it in an emergency.